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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application as follows:

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Please enter the following amended paragraph for the current paragraph at the bottom of page 4, top of page 5:

(Amended) Induction of macroaggregate formation is possible on use of various activators (Fig. 1). Such activators, such as, for example, ristocetin, collagen, ADP or epinephrine, are sufficiently well known to the person skilled in the area of platelet aggregation. A summary of the mode of functioning of various activators and their receptors is to be found, for example, in Blockmans D. et al., Blood Review, 9, 1995, 143-156. The reaction kinetics of the formation of macroaggregates through

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